Problems' Power by Kit Johnstone, Ph.D.

The mother of science is not Eve as some may have imagined, problems are the father of science. Eve is arguably the mother of evils of disobedience.

Problems belong to Christ, they are the father or the origin of science and creativity. They are more important than answers. All answers belong to some problems; some answer are science, so all sciences belong to some problems. For example, Physic belongs to a single question of how to describe the behaviour of matter. But matter comes in a great variety, concentrating on motion and with regard to size alone we therefore have at least three different answers, namely Newton's theory of motion, Einstein's general relativity theory and quantum mechanics, for matter of respectively medium, large and small sizes.

It is true that some problems belong to some science, for instance those text-book exercises we find at school and university. But all of these belong to *the* question which is the root of that particular science concerned, and each and every one of them ultimately lead you towards the source.

The power of problems comes from limitations to our understanding. We are no god, only God can reprehend the whole picture and have all the answers. All our answers can only bring in more questions, the more questions we think we have answered the more questions we find. So in the end we are left with many more questions than we started with. This can be disheartening, this can also be a challenge. If we keep in mind that answers are no gods, that all theories are wrong one way or another, then we feel at home with the questions and the more of them we have the more we enjoy ourselves. But then you need to be more spiritual than worldly, for always answers bring in more money in ways questions seldom if ever do; and the more money and honour you have the more likely you are to become complacent, indifferent to more problems. On the other hand if your aims are spiritual you would realise that the more questions you have been through the nearer you are to understanding God, and that keep you going on and on in quest of ever more questions.

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